



Public Notice

Beginning Date: Dec. 3, 2014

Ending Date: Feb. 2, 2015

Name: Public notice of the draft *Missouri Aquatic Habitat Use Attainability Analyses: Stream Survey and Assessment Protocol*.

Purpose: This Missouri aquatic habitat use attainability analysis (UAA) protocol is being made available for public review and comment in order to allow interested parties the opportunity to participate in the development process.

Description: The UAA protocol is intended as guidance for any party interested in conducting investigations to provide scientifically defensible information on existing and attainable warm water aquatic life uses of waters included in Missouri's Water Quality Standards at Tables G and H, including the Missouri Use Designation Dataset (referenced at 10 CSR 20-7.031(2)(E)). These waters are afforded specific protections by regulation and are subject to numeric and narrative criteria and antidegradation requirements to protect water quality and designated uses. The protocol offers factors to consider and minimum requirements necessary for conducting a UAA to identify appropriate aquatic habitat designated uses and, where applicable, address the removal or modification of such uses.

To Obtain a Copy: Copies of the draft UAA protocol can be obtained by calling the Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program at 800-361-4827 or 573-751-7428 or by accessing the Water Quality Standards web page at dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/wqstandards/index.html.

Invitation to Comment: The public is encouraged to participate in this process and to provide written comments if they have concerns regarding the content of these documents or would like to provide support for the process. The department will accept written comments regarding this UAA protocol through Feb. 2, 2015.

Address: Please submit comments to John Hoke, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or email comments to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov. Comments may also be faxed to 573-526-6802. Emailed and faxed comments should provide contact information of the sender (i.e., name, mailing address, phone number).